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Public Notice

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Date: May 13, 2003

Comments Due: June 13, 2003

In reply, please refer to the Public Notice Number

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

SUBJECT: Application for a Department of the Army permit under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act to discharge 0.03 acre of fill material in the Steinaker Reservoir to expand an existing boat ramp, as shown in the attached drawings.

APPLICANT: Brent Lloyd
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LOCATION: Steinaker Reservoir, 7 miles northwest of the town of Vernal, in Section 34, Township 3 South, Range 21 East, Uintah County, Utah, UTM 4485834.92 North and 623811.47 East. (See Figure 1)

PURPOSE: To expand the width of the existing boat ramp on the west side of the Steinaker Reservoir in order to increase the safety of the lake access for the boating public.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: State Parks and Recreation plans to widen the existing boat ramp. The dimensions of the expansion work are 10 feet by 200 feet long. The materials to be used include approximately 30 cubic yards of crushed gravel base material, approximately 60 cubic yards of concrete, and approximately 40 cubic yards of rip rap for erosion control. Only clean fill material will be used. The work to install the ramp addition will be performed during low reservoir levels in late summer. The work is expected to be completed within a month. (See Figures 2 and 3)

ALTERNATIVES:A) No Action.
B) Alternate location.
C) Smaller scale expansion.
D) Applicant preferred alternative.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Presently unknown cultural resources may be located in the permit area.

The District Engineer has made this determination based on information provided by the applicant and on the Corps' preliminary investigation. This activity would not affect any threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat.

Certification that the proposed work, if permitted, will not violate applicable water quality standards has been requested from the Utah Division of Water Quality. The Utah Division of Water Quality intends to issue certification, provided that the proposed work will not violate applicable water quality standards. Projects are usually certified where the project may create diffuse (nonpoint sources) of wastes which will occur only during the actual construction activity and

where best management practices will be employed to minimize pollution effects. Written comments on water quality certification should be submitted to Mr. William O. Moellmer, Utah Division of Water Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Post Office Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870, on or before **June 13, 2003**.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on or before **June 13, 2003**. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge does not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria, a permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. If additional information is required, please contact Mr. Brent Lloyd, Project Coordinator, Utah State Parks and Recreation, 1594 W. North Temple, Suite 116, P.O. Box 146001, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6001, phone (801) 538-7349, or Mr. Nathan Green, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, telephone (970) 243-1199, extension 12, or email nathan.j.green@usace.army.mil.

Written comments should reference Public Notice No. 200375120 and should be mailed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Colorado/Gunnison Basin Office, ATTN: Nathan Green, 402 Rood Avenue, Room 142, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501-2563.

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Enclosures: 3 Drawings